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Memorandum

To: April 12, 2012

From: Workers' Compensation System Participants

Date: Donald Patrick, M.D., J.D., Medical Advisor

Subject: Input Needed for Development of Health Care Providers Pain Management Services (Opioid) Plan-Based Audit

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) acknowledges that prescription drug abuse and misuse, including opioids, is a serious issue in all health care delivery systems, including workers' compensation. The TDI-DWC seeks input and suggestions regarding the development of a new Plan-Based Audit for health care providers prescribing opioids. The Plan-Based Audit sets the scope, methodology, selection criteria, and program area responsibilities as laid out in the Medical Quality Review Procedure. A copy of the proposed Health Care Providers Pain Management Services (Opioid) Plan-Based Audit can be viewed at the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html#comprev>.

The Medical Advisor approved a Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan which was adopted by the Commissioner of Workers' Compensation. This Plan-Based Audit is from one of the categories listed on the Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan. A copy of the approved Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan can be viewed at the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html>.

Workers' compensation system participants should submit suggestions for this Plan-Based Audit via e-mail to OMA.atlas.TDI@tdi.state.tx.us by 5 p.m. Central Standard Time on Friday, April 27, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, contact Mary Landrum of TDI-DWC Health Care Quality Review at 512-804-4814 or Mary.Landrum@tdi.state.tx.us.